GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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HANDICRAFT ZONE
Meghwal Shri Kailash

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Handicraft Zone sanctioned and established in the country particularly in Rajasthan by the Export Promotion Council during each year of the Tenth Plan and thereafter till date, State-wise;

(b) the target fixed and achieved by the Handicraft Zones during the said period, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/efforts being made to make handicrafts items produced in the country particularly in Rajasthan more export oriented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): None of the two Export Promotion Councils dealing with handicrafts and carpets have sanctioned and established any handicrafts zone anywhere in the country during Tenth Plan.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The steps taken by the Government to increase the export of handicrafts from the country including from the State of Rajasthan include: participation in exhibitions/fairs; organizing Indian Handicrafts & Gifts Fair twice a year; organizing thematic exhibitions; development of innovative value added products through Product Development Programme; organising programmes for packaging and export procedure, etc.